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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH MASON (ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY,

FCO), AND MAUD (FCO FINANCIAL RELATIONS) WE DREW HEAVILY ON REFTTEL IN OUTLINING US POSITION ON CIEC DIALOGUE. MASON OBSERVED UK ASSESSMENT AND APPROACH WERE IN STEP WITH CURRENT US POSTURE WHICH HE CONSIDERED TO BE MORE REALISTIC THAN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. HE HASTENED TO ADD HOWEVER THAT WHILE WHITEHALL STRATEGY IS IN ACCORD WITH OURS, UK HAS ONLY ONE-NINTH FRACTION OF COMMUNITY VOICE AND CANNOT SPEAK FOR EC PRESIDENCY.

2. MASON NOTED HMG HAD ABANDONED INITIAL HOPE THAT CIEC COMMISSIONS WOULD SERVE NO MORE THAN MONITORING ROLE. BUT BRITISH STILL HOLD TO VIEW COMMISSIONS SHOULD NOT CUT ACROSS WOPK OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS. MASON SAID HE IS LESS DEPRESSED NOW ON THIS ACCOUNT SINCE NINETEEN DO NOT APPEAR TO BE GOING ALONG WITH ALGERIAN LINE. IN ANY EVENT MASON DOES NOT SEE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDUSTRIALIZED EIGHT TO ARRIVE AT SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS BEFORE NEXT UNCTAD MEETING TAKES PLACE.

3. MASON SUPPORTS ENTHUSIASTICALLY US PREFERENCE FOR SHORT MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS BUT EXPECTS A COMPROMISE ON DURATION OF SESSIONS GIVEN LDC PRESSURES. SUGGESTION THAT DEPUTIES MIGHT BE DELEGATED TO CARRY ON AFTER FIRST SEVERAL DAYS OF MEETINGS APPEALS TO HIM. ON ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSIONS' WORK, MASON IS COMING AROUND TO VIEW THAT COMMITTEE OF CO-CHAIRMEN WILL BECOME STEERING GROUP IN PRACTICE.

4. MASON OBSERVED THAT NORTH-SOUTH OR RICH-POOR DIALOGUE REALLY OUGHT TO BE CONDUCTED IN IMF TYPE INSTITUTIONS, NOT CIEC OR UNCTAD. HE CONCLUDED HOWEVER THAT UK HAS DEFINITE INTEREST IN REMAINING ON TOP OF CIEC DIALOGUE SINCE IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE HMG WILL HAVE JOB OF FINISHING UP EXERCISE AFTER IT ASSUMES EC PRESIDENCY ON JANUARY 1, 1977.

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